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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN CHARGE'S COMMENTS ON FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, CUBA

1. JAMAICAN CHARGE, EDWARD GAYLE, INFORMED EMBOFF YESTERDAY THAT MINISTER OF STATE, DUDLEY THOMPSON, WILL REPRESENT JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY.

2. GAYLE INDICATED HE HAD STRONG REASON TO BELIEVE(THOUGH FOLLOWING DESCRIBED AS HIS PERSONAL OPINION AND NOT THAT OF GOJ) THAT RECENT STATEMENT (OF SUBSEQUENTLY DISPUTED CONTENT) BY CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO LOPEZ MUINO WAS DELIBERATE AND AUTHORIZED GESTURE INTENDED TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR MOVE TOWARD CUBAN-U.S. RAPPROCHEMENT. CITING "SERIOUS FLAW BETWEEN CUBA AND USSR", GAYLE SAID HE FELT CUBANS SHOULD NOT BE REBUFFED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO RE-ENTER INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. GAYLE CLEARLY AWARE OF JAMAICAN INITIATIVES TO RAISE CUBAN ISSUE AT RECENT BOGOTA CONFERENCE AND HINTED AT SIMILAR INITIATIVES AT MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE. HE COMMENTED THAT "LEAST OF THE APOSTLES" (I.E. JAMAICA) MIGHT OCCASIONALLY HAVE SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY.

3. COMMENT: GAYLE NOT HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY EMBASSY IN TERMS OF PERSPICACITY OR KNOWLEDGE OF LATIN AMERICAN SCENE. HE DOES NOT SPEAK SPANISH AND HAS OBVIOUS DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING WITH HIS LATIN COLLEAGUES. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT GAYLE'S COMMENTS WERE BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH HIS SUPERIORS OR WITH CUBAN
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